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TIMELY CLEARANCE TO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the first meeting between the State Power Ministers and the Centre on Eleventh Plan for achieving the power generation target, the State Governments have urged the Power Ministry to initiate a process to expedite and streamline environmental and road sector clearance for timely implementation of power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in the meeting it was also announced that the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) with the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) would chalk out a road map, highlighting the road network that can be used for the transportation of power project machinery; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to complete the projects as per their schedule?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) : In the first meeting of the Standing Group of Ministers held on 24.09.2007, it was inter alia decided to take up environment & forest related issues in its next meeting. Furthermore, regarding transportation of equipments for 660 MW and 800 MW units, it was decided that the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) would demarcate on the States` maps the roads which would require strengthening (in association with the National Highway Authority of India) and make available the maps and the details to the States. CEA has asked the power generating utilities to provide the details of likely sites for setting up of power plants with 600 / 800 MW unit ratings.